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1. A LOCAL PRC SPONSORED POLITICAL JOURNAL, THE SEVENTIES,
HAS PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE WHICH PROVIDES EVIDENCE THAT THE
OFFICIAL LINE AGAINST TENG HSIAO-PING IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING
REVISION, PRESUMABLY IN PREPARATION FOR HIS RETURN. ADDITIONALLY,
THE ARTICLE SERVES TO DEMONSTRATE MAO'S INABILITY TO FUNCTION
EFFECTIVELY IN HIS LATER YEARS. OTHER REPORTING ON THE
RECENT EVENTS IN THE PRC GIVES THE SEVENTIES FARILY HIGH MARKS
FOR ACCURACY, AND THE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, SINCE THEY APPEAR
IN A PRC SPONSORED JOURNAL ARE WORTHY OF ATTENTION. THE
SEVENTIES HIGHLIGHTED THE FOLLOWING "FACTS:"

-- SINCE THE FALL OF THE FOUR, "MANY CHINESE COMMUNISTS
HAVE BEGUN TO BELIEVE THAT ARTICLES CRITICIZING TENG WERE
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PARTLY WRONG. TENG, OF COURSE, WAS WRONG IN HIS ADVOCACY
OF "TAKING THE THREE DIRECTIVES AS THE KEY LINK" AND IN
POSITING THE "BLACK CAT-WHITE CAT" THESIS, BUT ARTICLES
CRITICAL OF HIM NEGATED THE "CORRECT IDEAS" PUT FORTH BY
TENG. THE GANG IS ROUNDLY SCORED FOR HAVING "DISTORTED" THE
ORIGINAL INTENTIONS OF THE "THREE POISONOUS WEEDS--THE

GENERAL PROGRAM, THE OUTLINE REPORT AND THE TWENTY POINT REGULATIONS." THE GANG'S CHARGES WERE ALSO AIMED AT FIGURES BESIDE TENG, SINCE "SEVERAL VICE PREMIERS WERE REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN THE DRAFTING "OF THE PAPERS." MAO IS ALSO QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT TENG HAD COMMITTED MISTAKES, BUT THAT "THE CONTRADICTION IS NOT ONE BETWEEN THE ENEMY AND OURSELVES" (HK 14025).

--IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO DESCRIBE THE APRIL TIENANMEN RIOT AS A COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY INCIDENT. MANY PERSONS WENT TO PAY RESPECTS TO CHOU AND THOSE WHO PROTESTED THE REMOVAL OF THE WREATHS WERE "EXPRESSING DISSATISFACTION" AA PRESUMABLY JUSTIFIED--ABOUT THE THEN CURRENT SITUATION AND ABOUT THE GANG OF FOUR (HK 14215).

-- CCP INTERNATIONAL LIAISON DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR KENG PIAO ASSUMED CONTROL OF PEOPLE'S DAILY, NCNA AND THE BROADCASTING STATIONS ON OCTOBER 7, AFTER THE PURGE OF THE RADICALS. (PEKING A-66). ALTHOUGH THE ARTICLE REFERS TO KENG AS "FORMERLY" IN CHARGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIAISON DEPARTMENT, NCNA HAS RECENTLY IDENTIFIED HIM AS STILL HOLDING HIS TITLE; --SUBSEQUENT TO THE CRUSHING OF THE COUP, POLITBURO MEMBER AND CANTON MR COMMANDER HSU SHIH-YU WENT TO THE NANKING MR IN ORDER TO EXERCISE "TEMPORARY MILITARY CONTROL" OVER SHANGHAI. THE ARTICLE FURTHER NOTES THAT TEMPORARY MILITARY CONTROL WAS ALSO ESTABLISHED IN THE SHENYANG AREA IN EARLY OCTOBER (IR 6842 088276).

-- MAO'S NEPHEW AND SHENYANG MR COMMISSAR MAO YUAN-HSIN WAS MENTIONED BY NAME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PRC CONTROLLED MEDIA AS A "CLOSE FOLLOWER OF THE GANG OF FOUR" (HK 13844).

-- A JOINT EDITORIAL PREPARED FOR RELEASE BY THE GANG WAS FOUND AT THE PEOPLE'S DAILY OFFICE AND AT BROADCASTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATIONS. IT INCLUDED REFERENCE TO CHAIRMAN CHIANG CHING (HUPEH PROVINCIAL RADIO DEC 14).

-- PEKING RESIDENTS REFER TO "THE BIG FOUR, THE SMALL FOUR AND THE THREE LACKIES" WHEN TALKING OF THE RADICALS. THE "FOUR SMALL AND THREE LACKIES" ARE THE "SEVEN PRINCIPAL FOLLOWERS OF THE GANG WHO WERE ALSO ARRESTED." THEY CONTROLLED THE MEDIA, THE EDUCATIONAL FRONT AND KEY POSTS IN THE CULTURAL FIELD (HK 14227).

-- MAO AND CHOU HAD EARLY ON RECOGNIZED THE GNAG'S NEFARIOUS INTENTIONS AND HAD TAKEN MEASURES TO "SUPPRESS" THEM WHILE STILL ATTEMPTING TO "EDUCATE" THEM. MAO WAS NOT ABLE TO FORESEE THE ATTEMPTED COUP BECAUSE HE HAD BECOME "ENFEEBLED" IN HIS ADVANCED YEARS, HOWEVER, AND WAS FORCED TO ENTRUST SUCH TASKS TO PEOPLE LIKE HUA KUO-FENG. (HK 13489).

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